

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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UPGRADATION OF MIGS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some MIGs, included MIG-29 fighter jets, are being upgraded;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the approximate expenditure to be incurred thereon; and
- (c) the time by which the upgradation is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): MIG-21 BiS aircraft and MIG-27 aircraft are being upgraded. The contract for the upgrade of 125 MIG-21 BiS aircraft was signed in March 1996, with Russia. The total cost of the upgrade is 626 million US Dollars. The design and development work on two MIG-21 BiS aircraft is being undertaken in Russia, which is in the final stage of completion. Concurrently, the upgradation of the remaining 123 aircraft has commenced at HAL, Nasik and is expected to be completed by the year 2004. So far MIG-27 aircraft is concerned, upgradation of 40 aircraft at a ceiling cost of Rs. 430 crores has been approved by Government. This upgrade programme is to be carried out indigenously by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) and Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) and is expected to be completed by 2005.